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WEASHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Cooler, except on coast.

DUST THROWERS.

The American people have always nursed the genial assumption that they were pretty nearly the smartest things in creation, and there has been more, or less, justification for the appropriation of the idea in a general sense.

THE BEIT MILLIONS.

The hundred millions of the late Alfred Beit, the African diamond king, will go out into the Dark Continent in wonderfully effective channels and do an incalculable amount of good.

There's a splendid prospect ahead for the man who has a timber lot. During 1905 New England alone, used 600,493,000 feet of lumber in box making.

THE GERMANS, ET. AL.

The wide-spread scandal ament the great meat packeries of America has had its inevitable and justifiable result in the commercial barriers raised against its importation into Germany and other countries.

A WIFE WHO CAN WORK.

Grover Cleveland White, a Massachusetts boy of 18, has jilted his sweetheart, 17, and married her mother, a woman of 42, with two sons older than himself.

Silly boy—eh? Maybe not. Marriage is not altogether a question of ages.

"Although 42 years old, my wife," he says, "doesn't look to be over 25." This is a point worth considering.

"She knows how to cook," says the young husband, coming to more prosaic defense. "She knows how to wash, iron, mend clothes and keep house, and that's more than a majority of the young girls of the present day know."

Youth fades. Love very often cools in a little while and frequently even congeals in the divorce court.

A wife old enough to be his mother and not averse to hard work must be able to support him; and is not that infinitely better for a young man of 18 than a giddy young thing who can do nothing but love him through a brief honeymoon that dismally ends when the larder runs empty.

It would seem that Grover Cleveland White is a wise young man.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Look at these figures: The average annual appropriation made by Congress for the Agricultural Department for five years, was only \$5,424,180, while there was appropriated for fortifications, \$7,250,182; for Indians \$8,796,262; for rivers and harbors, \$19,290,000; for the navy, \$83,719,615; army, \$90,937,684; and for pensions, \$141,131,848.

It sometimes takes a good deal of remodeling to make a successful farmer out of a city man, for a good living is not made so easily on the farm as some of our city cousins imagine.

A campaign of prayer by post card to continue until January 11, 1911, and to cover the entire world, is to be begun in Chicago by Methodists.

Uncle Sam's fighting ships may be compelled to adopt the new plan in vogue in the Japanese navy, and cruise under canvas in times of peace.

"Stop the Muck Makers, Not the Muck Rakers"

By JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS, Corporation Counsel of Chicago

THERE are in this republic two distinct species of enemies to the national welfare—first, those who in the ignorance of the uses of society condemn all the things they do not understand and DISRUPT ALL THINGS THEY CAN'T CONTROL; the other, they who do understand but defy the laws of society, resist the authority of the government and treat with insolence the corrective power of the courts.

Yet we are advised that in the presence of public offense, amid the riot of public raid, we should only walk with eyes to the sun, not with muck rakes of criticism in our hands.

Where, then, shall we turn? When the nation has become besotted upon the reeking odors of financial rottenness and immoral muck, what then shall be our refuge? Is it not that we must rake up the muck and drag it to the heap pile FOR THE FLAMES to save ourselves from consuming plague and national disease?

TO SAVE THE NATION FROM THE MUCK RAKERS WE MUST STOP THE MUCK MAKERS.

Late events have disclosed that statutes cannot entrap the powerful villain. The law cannot frighten HIM. Only exposure can awe him and its consequences, bringing the contempt of his fellow men, deter him.

Therefore, to the end that the constitution establishing in citizenship the freedom of speech unlimited and the freedom of the press unabridged shall be maintained, let there be CRITICISM without fear of penalty and just judgment without fear of punishment.

THEN WE'LL HAVE A GOVERNMENT WHERE EVERY CITIZEN IS BRAVE AND EVERY OFFICIAL IS HONEST.

Society at Large And the Four Hundred

By Bishop W. N. McVICKAR of Providence, R. I.

IS what is called "fashion"—the "top"—the Four Hundred? Is it best seen in the "smart set," the plutocracy, whose members dash about in their splendid carriages and luxuriate in their gorgeous palaces, THE BUTT OF THEIR OWN LACKEYS?

It is hardly to the fashionable, the Four Hundred, those on the "top," or any mixture of such, that we should look for moral regeneration. How could it be expected to punish moral offenders who upon close inspection are seen to be in large measure the LEGITIMATE PRODUCT OF ITS OWN CONDITIONS?

Society, of course, at times is able to fly into a passion over some gross dereliction of a man who stood high in its midst, is guilty of something which perhaps might land a poor man in jail and which CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED.

If a man is to be redeemed, then society, which is after all MAN MULTIPLIED and correlated, must be redeemed with him. The question primarily settles down into a personal one.

HOW SHALL I TREAT THE WRONGDOER? IS THE QUESTION. THERE MUST BE CONDEMNATION OF HIS CONDUCT, BUT JUSTICE MUST BE TEMPERED WITH MERCY.



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